

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates Hearing – February 2011

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Topic: Unit citation of 6RAR - invitations

Senator: Ronaldson

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Question:

Senator RONALDSON—Did anyone at Government House see the invitation?

Ms Prendergast—I cannot answer for other people. I would have to take that on notice.

Senator RONALDSON—Can you take on notice, please, as to whether Government House ticked-off on them? I cannot imagine that you would allow an invitation to be sent out under the Governor-General's name without your seeing the invitation but if you say you are not sure, can you take that on notice? Can you provide me with a copy of that invitation? Can you provide me with details of every one of those people who were officially invited on behalf of the Governor-General?

Answer:

Further to the additional information provided to the committee on 17 March 2011, the Office issued three messages of invitation to Long Tan veterans and their spouses. The first, a letter dated 10 May 2010, was to the Former Commander of D Company, Harry Smith, advising that the Governor-General proposed to host a ceremony at Government House to invest individual honours recipients (Harry Smith, David Sabin and Geoff Kendall, and a representative of the late Clifford Dohle). This was followed by an email on 7 July 2010 to Mr Smith advising of the Governor-General's proposal to host an investiture ceremony to present the individual honours and the Unit Citation for Gallantry (UCG) emblem to Long Tan veterans on 17 August 2010. As the Office did not have contact details for the relevant veterans, Mr Smith undertook to have the Long Tan Veterans Association prepare a list of veterans who would likely attend. On 5 August 2010, the Office contacted the President of the Veterans Association, John Hessewood, to confirm the details of the Governor-General's invitation to the group.

The letter of 10 May 2010 and the email of 7 July 2010 were sent by the Deputy Official Secretary, Mark Fraser. The email of 5 August 2010 was sent by the Operations Manager, Paul Singer.

The Office was provided a list of names by the Department of Defence Directorate of Honours and Awards, of 127 Long Tan veterans (including 28 deceased persons) entitled to the Unit Citation for Gallantry with Federation Star. A copy of the list follows over the next 3 pages.

In addition to the Long Tan veterans who were invited through Harry Smith and John Hessewood, invitations were extended to the following official guests and their spouses:

Lt General Ken Gillespie AO DSC CSM (Chief of Army)

Major General Mick Slater DSC AM CSC (Commander 1 Division, representing Chief of Army)

Air Marshal Mark Binskin AO (Chief of Air Force)

Air Vice-Marshal John Harvey AM (Program Manager New Air Combat Capability, representing Chief of Air Force)

Mr Ian Campbell PSM (Secretary Department of Veterans' Affairs)

Mr Shane Carmody (Deputy President Repatriation Commission, representing the Department of Veterans' Affairs)

Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO RAN (Retd) (National President Returned Services Association of Australia)

Mr Ken Foster (National Secretary, Vietnam Veterans' Association of Australia)

Mr Peter Ryan (ACT President, Vietnam Veterans' Association of Australia)

Dr Graeme Killer AO (Department of Veterans' Affairs)

Emeritus Professor Dennis Pearce AO (Chair of the Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal)

Major General Peter Abigail AO (Retd) (Chair of the Independent Review Panel appointed to Review Recognition for the Battle of Long Tan)

Mr Peter Rush (Assistant Secretary, Awards and Culture Branch, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet)

Air Commodore Frank Burt (Retd) (RAAF Vietnam veteran)

Mr John Hessewood (President Long Tan Veterans Association)

**Nominal Roll for the Unit Citation for Gallantry awarded for action in the Battle of Long Tan to
D Company, 4th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment**

	Service	Service No	Surname	Given Names	Rank	DOB	Sex	Deceased
1	Army	6776	Smith	Harry Arthur	MAJ	25/07/1933	M	N
2	Army	311509	McLean-Williams	Harold Iain	CAPT	21/09/1936	M	Y 1
3	Army	43433	Kendall	Geoffrey Martin	2LT	16/07/1941	M	N
4	Army	2781294	Sabben	David Rae	2LT	14/01/1945	M	N
5	Army	2781465	Sharp	Gordon Cameron	2LT	17/03/1945	M	Y 2
6	Army	27758	Kirby	John William	WO2	11/02/1935	M	Y 3
7	Army	22861	Gildersleeve	Ronald	SSGT	10/12/1928	M	N
8	Army	55106	Buick	Robert Stanley	SGT	31/08/1940	M	N
9	Army	3854	O'Donnell	William	SGT	16/12/1924	M	N
10	Army	213525	Rankin	Neil Jackson	SGT	4/12/1941	M	N
11	Army	13605	Thomson	Donald Albert	SGT	18/05/1935	M	N
12	Army	16828	Todd	James	SGT	18/03/1928	M	N
13	Army	37822	Dobson	Phillip Ness	CPL	17/05/1941	M	N
14	Army	213745	Drinkwater	Lawrence	CPL	20/08/1939	M	N
15	Army	15230	Duroux	Jeffrey Max	CPL	17/07/1940	M	Y 4
16	Army	14938	Green	Milton William	CPL	30/03/1932	M	Y 5
17	Army	1200658	Harris	John William	CPL	18/09/1941	M	N
18	Army	15989	Lea	Thomas Henry	CPL	3/07/1939	M	N
19	Army	15319	McCullough	Mervyn Victor	CPL	10/03/1933	M	N
20	Army	16825	McDonald	Ivan Edwin	CPL	28/09/1942	M	N
21	Army	42194	Marchant	Clifford Maxwell	CPL	11/09/1938	M	N
22	Army	15630	Miller	Kevin Thomas	CPL	16/12/1937	M	N
23	Army	16912	Mogg	Douglas Robert	CPL	18/06/1935	M	N
24	Army	214543	Moore	William Richard	CPL	2/06/1941	M	Y 6
25	Army	215672	Smith	Graham Roxburgh	LCPL	30/10/1945	M	N
26	Army	37542	Ballinger	Graham John	LCPL	11/07/1937	M	Y 7
27	Army	51648	Campbell	Malcom Graham	LCPL	14/12/1932	M	N
28	Army	1410985	Crowther	Gordon Keith	LCPL	12/11/1946	M	N
29	Army	2781847	Jewry	Jack	LCPL	28/03/1945	M	Y 8
30	Army	214752	Lithgow	Colin Thomas	LCPL	1/03/1939	M	Y 9
31	Army	2781705	Luther	William Thomas	LCPL	26/06/1945	M	N
32	Army	1731001	Magnussen	Barry Eugene	LCPL	15/03/1945	M	N
33	Army	311352	Richardson	George Robert	LCPL	17/11/1930	M	N
34	Army	1731036	Robbins	John Charles	LCPL	20/03/1945	M	N
35	Army	2781709	Slack-Smith	Peter	LCPL	2/02/1945	M	N
36	Army	1731053	Spencer	Dennis Allan	LCPL	4/04/1945	M	N
37	Army	3411688	Ainslie	Cyril Terence	PTE	24/03/1943	M	N
38	Army	1200221	Akell	William Alexander	PTE	20/02/1947	M	N
39	Army	55120	Aldersea	Richard Alfred	PTE	29/07/1946	M	Y 10
40	Army	17846	Bartlett	Alan Gavin	PTE	3/12/1945	M	N

31	Army	2781734	Beahan	David Francis	PTE	10/03/1945	M	N
42	Army	43901	Beere	John Ernest	PTE	5/08/1944	M	N
43	Army	215598	Belford	Stewart Robert (SD?)	PTE	10/03/1946	M	N
44	Army	5411494	Bextrum	Neil Raymond	PTE	21/05/1945	M	N
45	Army	1730903	Branch	Kevin Desmond	PTE	22/04/1945	M	Y 1
46	Army	1730905	Brown	Colin William	PTE	3/03/1945	M	N
47	Army	2781736	Brown	Richard Denis	PTE	17/03/1945	M	N
48	Army	1411098	Buckland	Walter Raymond	PTE	11/02/1939	M	N
49	Army	3411657	Burstall	Robert Terence	PTE	23/12/1941	M	N
50	Army	215608	Cameron	Victor Maxwell	PTE	27/11/1946	M	N
51	Army	1730909	Campbell	Ian Martin	PTE	9/06/1945	M	N
52	Army	37990	Carne	Ronald Charles	PTE	30/10/1937	M	N
53	Army	1730910	Cash	John Charles	PTE	23/05/1945	M	N
54	Army	1730914	Collins	David John(AR?)	PTE	2/03/1945	M	N
55	Army	17816	Davis	Graeme Robert	PTE	6/07/1945	M	N
56	Army	1730923	Deller	Alan Ross	PTE	8/06/1945	M	N
57	Army	2781739	Dettman	Peter Howard	PTE	20/02/1945	M	N
58	Army	2781804	Dixon	Ian Martin	PTE	6/06/1945	M	N
59	Army	1730924	Dixon	Phillip Rodney	PTE	28/01/1945	M	N
60	Army	1730926	Doolan	Kerry Patrick	PTE	8/05/1945	M	N
61	Army	2781829	Doyle	Peter James	PTE	8/04/1945	M	N
62	Army	1730929	Drabble	Glenn Alfred	PTE	14/01/1945	M	Y 2
63	Army	1730934	Eglinton	Ronald Maxwell	PTE	21/02/1945	M	N
64	Army	2781832	Esler	Henry Thomas	PTE	8/03/1945	M	N
65	Army	1790936	Fabian	Douglas Percival	PTE	7/04/1945	M	N
66	Army	2781866	Firth	Brian Dennis	PTE	20/04/1945	M	N
67	Army	2412205	Forsyth	Brian David	PTE	17/09/1946	M	Y 3
68	Army	4410920	Fraser	Alan Russell	PTE	2/07/1946	M	N
69	Army	1730941	Gant	Kenneth Howard	PTE	6/01/1945	M	Y 4
70	Army	216604	Graham	Dennis Alexander	PTE	23/10/1944	M	N
	Army	2781692	Graham	Kevin William	PTE	19/04/1945	M	N
72	Army	3411673	Grant	Ernest Francis	PTE	4/01/1946	M	Y 5
73	Army	1730947	Grice	Victor Roy	PTE	6/04/1945	M	Y 6
74	Army	2781700	Grimes	Noel John	PTE	2/04/1945	M	N
75	Army	1730953	Halls	Brian	PTE	2/02/1945	M	N
76	Army	1730957	Healey	Charles	PTE	15/03/1945	M	N
77	Army	1730961	Heslewood	John Edward	PTE	1/01/1945	M	N
78	Army	1200509	Hodder	Stanley	PTE	4/10/1945	M	N
79	Army	1730964	Holmes	Jeffrey Roland	PTE	9/01/1945	M	N
80	Army	2781878	Hornett	William Frank	PTE	7/06/1945	M	N
81	Army	1200306	Hornung	Brian Godfrey	PTE	27/11/1942	M	Y 7
82	Army	43893	Houston	James Michael	PTE	2/10/1943	M	Y 8
83	Army	2781694	Humphries	Thomas Reginald	PTE	3/01/1945	M	N
84	Army	1200091	Hunt	Paul Robert	PTE	5/11/1946	M	N

85	Army	2781845	Jameson	Peter William John	PTE	26/05/1945	M	N
86	Army	2781676	Langlands	Graeme Douglas	PTE	23/04/1945	M	N
87	Army	2781704	Large	Pte PA Large	PTE	8/06/1945	M	Y 1
88	Army	1731007	May	Allan James	PTE	26/03/1945	M	N
89	Army	1730993	McCormack	Albert Frederick	PTE	20/03/1945	M	Y 2
90	Army	1730994	McCormack	Dennis James	PTE	17/06/1945	M	Y 3
91	Army	2412318	McGrath	Ian James	PTE	1/07/1946	M	N
92	Army	1731008	Meller	Barry Craig	PTE	8/05/1945	M	N
93	Army	2781870	Mitchell	Douglas Ian	PTE	27/01/1945	M	N
94	Army	1731013	Mitchell	Warren David	PTE	1/04/1945	M	Y 4
95	Army	1731015	Montgomery	Donald Barry	PTE	11/03/1945	M	N
96	Army	2781791	Moss	Ronald Charles	PTE	23/05/1945	M	N
97	Army	38452	Munro	Ian Douglas Carlyle	PTE	25/03/1945	M	N
98	Army	3786625	Nash	Peter	PTE	25/02/1945	M	N
99	Army	1731095	Newall	Thomas	PTE	20/04/1945	M	N
	Army	2781706	Parr	Alan Leslie	PTE	9/05/1945	M	N
101	Army	2781750	Perandis	Russell Voctore	PTE	10/01/1945	M	N
102	Army	216605	Peters	Geoffrey Michael	PTE	25/06/1946	M	N
103	Army	1731031	Quincey	John Henry	PTE	8/01/1945	M	N
104	Army	1200607	Reilly	Brian Richard	PTE	20/10/1943	M	N
105	Army	1411132	Rencher	Robin Langdon	PTE	8/02/1944	M	N
106	Army	1731034	Richmond	James Peter	PTE	24/02/1945	M	N
107	Army	2781850	Riley	John Ernest	PTE	13/03/1945	M	N
108	Army	2412298	Roche	William Alfred	PTE	5/05/1941	M	N
109	Army	216509	Ryan	Terence Paul	PTE	7/03/1947	M	N
110	Army	1731040	Salveron	Douglas Javing	PTE	17/02/1945	M	Y 5
111	Army	2412263	Simon	Victor William	PTE	24/05/1945	M	N
112	Army	2781795	Stepney	Anthony Michael	PTE	4/02/1945	M	N
113	Army	2781863	Stewart	Raymond Noel	PTE	12/03/1945	M	N
	Army	38712	Thomas	David John	PTE	18/01/1945	M	Y 6
114	Army	1200265	Topp	Francis Brett	PTE	26/01/1947	M	Y 7
115	Army	1731062	Tronc	Kenneth James	PTE	3/04/1945	M	N
116	Army	1731063	Vassella	Barry Frank	PTE	9/05/1945	M	N
117	Army	2781851	Vine	Leonard Spencer	PTE	15/06/1945	M	N
118	Army	216559	Wales	Maxwell Ray	PTE	18/04/1944	M	Y 8
119	Army	1731069	Warrell	Geoffrey Charles	PTE	9/02/1945	M	N
120	Army	215265	Watts	Thomas William	PTE	1/03/1944	M	Y 9
121	Army	5713983	Webb	Harley Philip	PTE	12/02/1945	M	N
122	Army	3787607	Whiston	Colin Joseph	PTE	8/05/1945	M	Y 10
123	Army	1731076	Williams	Stephen Richard	PTE	5/01/1945	M	N
124	NZArmy	33140	Stanley	Maurice David	CAPT	unknown	M	N
125	NZArmy	39754	Walker	William G	BDR	11/12/1943	M	N
126	NZArmy	39833	Broomhall	Murray N	LBDR	unknown	M	N